

If you have limited income, you may qualify for "extra help" with the cost of your drug.

NOTE: In order to receive "extra help," you **MUST APPLY** for it, **UNLESS** you are already enrolled in:

- Medicare and Medicaid (MaineCare), OR
- Medicare and one of the three Medicare Savings Programs, also known as QMB, SLMB, or QI, OR
- Medicare and SSI

For more information, or to apply for "extra help":

- Contact your <u>local Department of Health and Human Services Office</u> and tell them you want to apply for the "Buy In" (also known as the Medicare Savings Program), or
- Contact your local <u>Area Agency on Aging</u> and tell them you want information or help applying for the "Buy In" Program

<u>Get more details</u> on who is eligible for "extra help" through the Medicare Savings Program.

If you do not qualify for "extra help," contact your doctor or LSE's Medicare Part D Appeals Unit (1-877-774-7772).

Explain to your doctor that you cannot afford your drug. Find out whether your doctor will prescribe a substitute drug that you can afford.

If your doctor believes that you must have the prescribed drug, and not one of the cheaper drugs that your Medicare Part D Plan covers, then contact LSE's Medicare Part D Appeals Unit and we will help your doctor request an "Exception" from your Medicare Part D Plan.

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